

# Sangtam language

**Sangtam**, also called **Thukumi**, **Isachanure**, or **Lophomi**, is a Naga language spoken in northeast India. It is spoken in Kiphire District and in the Longkhim-Chare circle in Tuensang district, Nagaland, India.

## Dialects

*Ethnologue* lists the following dialects of Sangtam.

- Kizare
- Pirr (Northern Sangtam)
- Phelongre
- Thukumi (Central Sangtam)
- Photsimi
- Purr (Southern Sangtam)

The standardized dialect of Sangtam is based on the Tsadanger village speech variety.

## Phonology

Sangtam is unusual in having two stops with bilabial trilled release, /ᵀᵇ, ᵀᵇʰ/.<sup>[3]</sup>

Sangtam	
Thukumi	
Lophomi	
<b>Native to</b>	Nagaland, India
<b>Region</b>	East-central Nagaland, Tuensang and Khiphire districts
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Sangtam
<b>Native speakers</b>	76,000 (2011 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Sino-Tibetan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Central Naga<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Sangtam</b></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	nsa
<b>Glottolog</b>	sang1321 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/lan guoid/id/sang1321</span> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

Consonant phonemes of Sangtam

		<b>Labial</b>	<b>Labiodental</b>	<b>Dental</b>	<b>Alveolar</b>	<b>Retroflex</b>	<b>Postalveolar</b>	<b>Palatal</b>	<b>Velar</b>	<b>Glottal</b>
<b>Nasal</b>		<u>m</u>			<u>n</u>			<u>ɲ</u>	ŋ	
<b>Plosive</b>	<b>plain</b>	<u>p</u>		<u>ᵀ</u>		<u>t</u>		<u>c</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>ʔ</u>
	<b>aspirated</b>	<u>pʰ</u>		<u>ᵀʰ</u>		<u>tʰ</u>		<u>cʰ</u>	<u>kʰ</u>	
<b>Affricate</b>	<b>plain</b>	<u>ᵀᵇ</u>			<u>ᵀs</u>		<u>tʃ</u>			
	<b>aspirated</b>	<u>ᵀᵇʰ</u>			<u>ᵀsʰ</u>		<u>tʃʰ</u>			
<b>Fricative</b>	<b>voiceless</b>		(f)		<u>s</u>		<u>ʃ</u>		<u>x</u>	<u>h</u>
	<b>voiced</b>		(v)		(z)					
<b>Approximant</b>					<u>l</u>	<u>ɭ</u>		<u>j</u>		

All phonemes with /t/ are dental

/ᵀ/ is realised like /ᵀ˥/

## Vowels

	Front	Back
<u>Close</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>u</u>
<u>Close-mid</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>o</u>
<u>Open/ Open-mid</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>ʌ</u>

All vowels can have high, mid, or low tone

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